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DAVE DRAPER DAY AT LOYOLA THURSDAY

When the Loyola Warriors defeated the St. Louis University Billikens by a 4-2 count on Sunday, February 14th at the St. Louis Arena, it marked the 100th victory of Head Coach Dave Draper since taking over the helm at Loyola four years ago. Tomorrow this achievement will be singled out as Loyola College has officially designated Thursday, February 25th, Dave Draper Day.

Draper's winning percentage of 80.8% stands among the best in all of hockey.

During Draper's term, Loyola teams have won 102 times, suffered 18 defeats and tied six games. Among the championships are four straight OSLAA league titles, two play-off crowns ('67-68 and '69-70), three successive provincial championships (Coupe du Quebec's), two Christmas holiday tournaments (Centennial 1970, Hockey Canada 1971) and appearances at two CIAU National playdowns, reaching the finals in 1968.

The highlight of "Dave Draper Day" will be the pre-game presentation ceremonies. Subsequently, his icemen will take on University of Sherbrooke Vert et Or in regular OSLAA action at 8:00 P.M.

Following his Junior playing career, Draper went to Michigan Tech where he starred for the Huskies.

After completing his playing career, Draper turned to coaching, taking over the Tech's contingent for the 1964-65 season. The next two seasons he served in the capacity of Assistant Coach.

Draper came to Loyola for the 1967-68 season after being chosen from among 52 candidates. Ever since his appointment, Dave has been making the people that selected him look good. Under Dave, the hockey program has progressed to the point of national leadership. Considered one of the real teachers in the game, Draper patterns his coaching style after Father Bauer, whom he seeks to emulate. A sound fundamentalist, he takes a psychological approach to the game and his players, instilling in them the will to win.

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Loyola currently plays a full 20-week developmental schedule carrying right through the Christmas break. It has been referred to by Pro scouts as an ideal University schedule in which a player's pro potential can be developed. Draper stresses that this is not the prime aim of Loyola's hockey program. Loyola's major goal is to give a student hockey player another option besides the either-or choice of hockey or education - that a boy does not have to suffer the loss of a college education to make pro. If a player wants to, he can still make pro hockey from the college ranks.

Loyola, under Draper, took the lead in establishing Canada's first holiday hockey tournament in 1967, and in the first and succeeding years, it proved such a success that Hockey Canada took over the operation of it this year with the Warriors taking top honours. Loyola has also collaborated with Hockey Canada on their skill-testing program and other projects to foster the development of the native game.

According to Draper, the future of college hockey in the country, and especially in Quebec, is very promising. Most schools now have full-time coaching, which was not the case just a few years ago. With the formation of the new college set-up in Quebec next year under the QUAA, a better brand of hockey will result, and new rivalries will be created. Draper welcomes stronger opposition, and hopes his goal of a National title for the Warriors will spur on other universities in the Province to work towards the same standard of excellence.

Participating in the Dave Draper presentation will be Loyola's President, The Very Reverend Patrick G. Malone, S.J., and representatives from Loyola's Academic Community, the Alumni Association, the Student Body, Hockey Canada, the Student-Athletes and the City of Montreal.

Telegram messages which were received from his former coaches, Father David Bauer and John MacInnes, and the Prime Minister of Canada, The Honorable Pierre Elliott Trudeau will be read.

The text of Mr. Trudeau's cable is as follows:

"I am very pleased to offer you my congratulations on this special day in honour of your 100th hockey victory. Your outstanding contributions to our national game and to the athletic and character development of many young hockey players has won you admiration and praises. Best wishes for continued success in your work."